Dear Commerce Families,

I hope you're savoring the last few weeks of summer break. At Commerce, we have been busy preparing for a new school year. Our custodians, Lisa and Chris, have been cleaning our school from top to bottom so it’s ready for our learners on August 27th. THANK YOU, Lisa and Chris!

As we begin a new school year, it is a good time to review our school policies and procedures. Please take some time to explore our Family Handbook to ensure you have all the information you need.

Don't forget that the online registration process (formerly our back-to-school packet) must be completed for ALL students. This is different than enrollment and is required for both new and previous students. Parents/guardians update student information, emergency contacts, and provide other necessary information. This process must be completed prior to August 16th in order to see your child’s classroom assignment in Skyward. CLICK HERE to get started!

Classroom/teacher assignments will be available on Skyward Family Access after 4:00pm on Friday, August 16th. Please Note: This upload by our tech department is not immediate. If you are not able to view your child’s classroom assignment at exactly 4:00pm, please be patient and keep retrying. Our tech department appreciates your understanding. (Directions HERE)

We are looking forward to seeing our Commerce kids at our Teacher Meet and Greet on Monday, August 26th from 3:30-4:30pm. Our PTA has also planned our Commerce Comeback event to celebrate the new school year! In the meantime, please contact our Main Office with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Christina Carlin
Proud Principal, Commerce Elementary
Staffing Update:

I’m pleased to share a handful of staffing changes that occurred over the summer:

- **Sarah Stratz**’s family has relocated and is pursuing a new opportunity in Northern Michigan. We wish Sarah well and are grateful for everything she has given to our school community. This means that we will have a new kindergarten teacher joining our school family! We hope to have someone in-place as soon as possible. Most importantly, we will find someone AMAZING for our kids and our school!

- **Dan Love** will be starting a new adventure as head teacher at Meadowbrook Elementary! We will miss Mr. Love but we are confident that he will do great things at Meadowbrook. We are fortunate that he will still be around as a Cougar Dad! Congratulations, Mr. Love!

- **Kylie (Bielenda) Moore** will be returning to Commerce and joining our 2nd grade team. Mrs. Moore was a student teacher at Commerce in Miss Farough’s classroom a few years ago. Last year, she taught first grade at Pleasant Lake. We are excited to welcome Kylie back and know she will have a great year with her new 2nd graders!

- **Carley Dunphey** will be joining our school family as our new head teacher! The four largest elementary schools (Commerce, Keith, Meadowbrook, and Hickory Woods) will have additional support this year in the form of head teachers. These positions are funded by a grant (not the district’s general fund). A head teacher is similar to an assistant principal. So, Mrs. Dunphey will be supporting school improvement initiatives, facilitating professional development, supporting students’ behavioral or social-emotional needs, and much more! Mrs. Dunphey will be sending out an introductory e-mail in the coming weeks. We are thrilled to have her join our school family and are confident she will help make Commerce even better for our kids!

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2019–2020 Grade Level Supply Lists are available on our [website](#)!

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Voluntary Student Accident Insurance

Walled Lake Consolidated Schools does not carry health or accident insurance for students. If your child is injured while at school, medical costs are the responsibility of the parents and/or guardians. As a service to students and their families, our District is making available a student accident insurance plan for your child at a very nominal cost. The District offers this program because of trends in rising family health and dental insurance costs, increased deductibles, co-payments or lack of health or dental insurance coverage. [Please CLICK HERE for more information](#).
Communication is Key!

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The 2019 Commerce Elementary COLOR RUN has
been set for Friday, September 27th and
WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The PTA is looking for:

Corporate Sponsors for this year's COLOR RUN. It’s $250 to
sponsor one of our Color Stations.

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Commerce Elementary - Important Links and Resources

Family Handbook
A great resource for new families!

School Calendar
For convenience, you can sync our
calendar with your phone or device.

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Skyward Family Access

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